

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A document integrated management apparatus which manages documents, stored in plural databases controlled by different applications, based on linkage of the documents. A linkage information manager manages linkage information of documents stored in the plural databases managed by the different applications or document sets each having one or more documents linked to each other, and a document information manager manages document information on the documents or document sets. When a client designates a document set, a search is performed on the document information and the linkage information, and the client can extract a document linked to the document set. Thus document extraction or search can be performed without consciousness of control applications of the databases holding the respective documents.